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The Foundation Council of “St.Gallen Oncology Conferences” (SONK) proudly announces the recipient of the “St.Gallen International Breast Cancer Award 2021”, which will be delivered during the 17th St.Gallen International Breast Cancer Conference, 17–21 March, 2021 to:

Prof. Philip Poortmans

(Iridium Netwerk & University of Antwerp, Belgium)

Philip Poortmans MD PhD completed his medical studies at the University of Antwerp, Belgium and trained radiation oncology at the Middelheim and Vincentius Hospitals in Antwerp. After working 23 years as radiation oncologist in Tilburg, The Netherlands, he chaired the department of radiation oncology of the Radboud umc, Nijmegen. Via the same position at Institut Curie, Paris, France, he completed the circle by returning in 2020 to Antwerp. Since October 2020, he is associate professor at the University of Antwerp, Belgium.

Philip Poortmans is former president of the European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO) and of the European Cancer Organisation and has been very active in the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC). He is passionate about teaching, as evident from his role as course director and liaison person for different multidisciplinary courses of ESTRO and as faculty member for educational activities of the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), European



Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) and the European School of Oncology (ESO). Over the years, Philip Poortmans has contributed actively to the organisation of several scientific and educational events. He is member of the editorial committees of several guidelines for breast cancer (EUSOMA; ESTRO; ESMO; St Gallen) and for cancer and pregnancy (ESGO / INCIP; ESMO; AKZ (Adviesgroep Kanker en Zwangerschap); ABCIP). In addition, he co-chairs ECCO's Quality Cancer Care

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Network with a coordinating role for the “Essential requirements for quality cancer care”. Philip Poortmans is member of the editorial board of more than 10 journals, several concerning breast cancer such as “THE BREAST”, of which he is specialty editor for radiation oncology.

Philip Poortmans’ work focussed especially on breast cancer and since recently, what might become a great combination, in FLASH radiation therapy and IOeRT. For this, he is medical advisor for Sordina IORT Technologies, Aprilia, Italy. His PhD thesis was on quality assurance in clinical trials in breast cancer, successfully defended in 2005 at the University of Maastricht. He was an important contributor and PI of several clinical trials including the EORTC “Boost” trial, the EORTC “Internal Mammary Node” trial, the BOOG “Young Boost” trial, the partial breast “IRMA” trial and now the “EUROPA” trial. All those studies aim at precisely tailoring the extent of radiation therapy for breast cancer patients.

Philip Poortmans received honorary memberships of BVRO/ABRO (Belgium) in 2012, of ESSO in 2014, of SEOR (Spain) in 2015, of AROI (India) in 2016, of BIGOSA (South Africa) in 2016 and of JASTRO (Japan)

in 2017. He was nominated as “Toparts” (Outstanding doctor) by the Dutch radiation oncologists in 2011 and 2012. In 2016, he gave the Cridlan lecture during the meeting of the Association of Breast Surgery in Manchester, UK. Philip Poortmans received from ESTRO the Jens Overgaard Award in 2019 and the Klaas Breur Award in 2020. On the 150th birthdate of Marie Curie he was nominated Marie Curie Professor Paris Science & Lettres – Institut Curie. He (co-)authored more than 325 peer-reviewed publications (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=Poortmans+P&sort=date>) and several book chapters and co-edited 2 books.

St.Gallen Oncology Conferences (SONK) is privileged to count on Prof. Philip Poortmans as an active contributor and supporter of the St.Gallen International Breast Cancer Conference and Consensus. As a radiooncologist, he added his scientific and professional perspective to provide truly interdisciplinary discussions for the benefit of the best treatment of women with early breast cancer. With the St.Gallen Breast Cancer Award 2021 the Foundation SONK wishes to honour Philip Poortmans for his extraordinary contributions. Thank you Philip!